



# BREMERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



## BPD Weekly Update

### Bremerton's New K-9 Team is fully accredited

On April 18th, K-9 Officer Allan McComas completed 400 hours of K-9 training and achieved Washington State Police Canine Association accreditation, the highest standard in Washington State. He and K-9 Loki are ready to hit the streets and catch bad guys. We want to acknowledge this achievement and take a moment to congratulate Officer McComas and Loki, as their accreditation is well deserved.



Here is Loki celebrating the day with a juicy steak. Loki doesn't have opposable thumbs and was unable to capture a picture of Officer McComas enjoying his steak. [Corporal Steven Polonsky]

### Leader of the Pack

Sergeant Duke Roessel recently gave a Cub Scout pack a tour of the police department. Later they dropped off a care package for the department. ["Thank you, come back anytime especially with more of those donuts," Corporal Steven Polonsky]



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### **Thief gets more than he bargained for**

Imagine being hungry after a long day. You don't feel like making dinner. You stop at a fast food restaurant drive through. While trying to decide between the Sourdough Jack and the Ultimate Cheeseburger (it's a # 4 by the way), you spot a man darting in and out of traffic out of the corner of your eye. The distraction is momentary. You have important decisions to make and get back to making them. All of the sudden the door to your car opens and the traffic daredevil reaches in your car and steals your wallet. What do you do?

Here is what the victim in our case did - he got out of his car and gave chase. When he caught up to the suspect, he lifted him off the ground, spun him bum over tea kettle and planted him on mother earth head first. Oh, and the victim got his wallet back.

The suspect had what could best be described as a head injury and was transported to the hospital while besmirching the mothers of both police officers and fire fighters. He was later booked on Theft 2nd and Minor in Possession of alcohol by consumption (MIP). [Corporal Steven Polonsky]

### **They never learn**

Special Operations Group Detectives served yet another search warrant in the 100 block of S. Marion. The resident seems to split his time between his spacious mid-century modern drug den and the County jail. He was arrested and evidence of his drug crimes were located and seized...again. This time SOG was assisted by Officer Avery and his new drug detecting partner, K-9 Remy. Good job guys! [Corporal Steven Polonsky]



### **And more about police K-9s...Burglar captured after attempting to break into two homes**

Officers were called to a Ford Avenue address at 5 A.M. when a frightened homeowner called 911 to a report a burglary in progress. A suspect had torn down a wall to an enclosed porch/shed attached to the victim's residence and was loading items up to steal. The suspect ran off when startled by the homeowner. The first

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officer arrived on scene within three minutes and containment was rapidly setup for Officer Chris Faidley and K-9 Esco to do some looking.

Approximately ten minutes into the investigation, an officer heard a nearby neighbor yelling at someone. When he went to investigate, he learned the same suspect was caught trying to break into a second house. The suspect was last seen running into the woods. Containment tightened up around that area. When Officer Faidley and K-9 Esco arrived, it only took six minutes to find the suspect hiding in the blackberry bushes and take him into custody. He was booked for multiple charges. [Corporal Jason Vertefeuille]

### **Sunk in the trunk**

A mom called the cops on her adult son after she saw him outside of her residence via her surveillance camera. She knew he had a warrant for his arrest. Officers Dana Clevenger and Brock Gorang arrived on scene and contacted the young man who decided to turn this routine situation into something far more than it needed to be. When contacted and informed he was under arrest for his warrant, the subject tensed up and informed Officer Clevenger that he did not have a warrant and pointed out to the friendly officer that he hadn't even asked him who he was yet. Obviously not realizing that cops sometimes know who people are before we contact them, the guy with the warrant started to resist arrest. Officer Clevenger used a very old police tactic seldom used these days called the Samsonite. You see, the car trunk was open so he put the frisky fellow into the open trunk where he was able to get control of him before hauling him off to jail. TSA has nothing on us.

### **Cross another one off your wanted clipboard**

Detective Jen Corn was hot on the trail of wanted fugitive along with detectives from KCSO and got a tip that he would be at a business on the east side. The suspect was wanted for a Department of Corrections warrant and was a suspect in a large scale burglary in South Kitsap where numerous firearms were stolen and trafficked.

She rallied the troops and sure enough, there he was at a car behind the building. As detectives moved in on this highly dangerous criminal, he took off running and went in the back door of the business, out the front door and across the parking lot. He had the audacity to pull at least one gun from a concealed waistband holster and scurry toward Lebo Boulevard holding it as he ran not pointing it at anyone. Patrol officers closed in on him and he crossed the street and kept motoring toward the cliff side on Campbell Way where he scampered into the brush and tumbled down the hill toward high tide.

Officers could see the suspect still had a gun in his hand and was trudging through the water eastbound. Officers sealed off the hillside, locked down the gravel trail that leads down to the water from Campbell Way and waited. After several minutes our suspect could likely feel the 47 degree water and every bump and bruise from his swan diving off a cliff, so he came out, minus the hand gun.

[Note: Search and Rescue lent a hand when the tide went back out and the gun was recovered.]

I cannot emphasize how dangerous this situation was. The suspect has a very long criminal history and posed a great threat to the public as well as all the Law Enforcement. Due to a great effort and working with our partners at the Sheriff's office a very dangerous bad guy went to jail and everyone else went home safe. This could have ended much differently and I very much appreciate the professionalism and courage our officers and the deputies showed in this instance.

### **Choose your weapons**

Officer Brock Gorang was on an investigating down behind the Mission. He turned down the alley between the Mission House and 7-Eleven just in time to see a grudge match between two of our frequent flyers. One was holding a set of bicycle handlebars over his head as if he was going to smash the other. Not to be outdone, his intended victim was holding a knife out as if he was going to stab back. As any prudent officer would do when encountering a handlebar vs. knife fight, Officer Gorang drew his pistol and ordered both combatants to the ground where they were detained. Of course both subjects gave opposing accounts of what happened. The witnesses however tipped the scales of justice in handlebar man's favor, saying he was trying to defend himself from the other's knife. The knife wielder went to jail for assault. [Sergeant Jeff Schaefer]

### **Open and shut**

Officer Bill Prouse took a stolen vehicle report from a woman who said her adult son swiped her SUV. It was entered as stolen at around 2230 hours. Just over an hour later, Officer Prouse observed the vehicle on Kitsap Way, stopped it and arrested said son. He went jail and mom got her car back. Now that's efficiency! [Sergeant Jeff Schaefer]

### **Cyclist on Werner Road after midnight with no helmet and a mask covering his face = DOC Warrant**

Officer Dave Hughes contacted a bike rider around 1 AM on Werner Road. This gent was wearing a mask over his face and forgot to wear a helmet. This was unfortunate for him because that's the law. The suspect gave a false name and was then detained. He then gave his real name which returned with a DOC Felony Escape Warrant with no bail. The search incident to arrest resulted in a Violation of the Uniform Controlled Substance Act (VUCSA) or, simply, the guy had Methamphetamines. The suspect was booked into the KCSO Jail for the VUCSA Possession, False Statements, and the DOC Warrant.

### **Residential Burglary and some drugs**

Two female roommates called to report a burglary in progress. One of their boyfriend's friends decided he needed to check on them by coming in through the window. Once inside, he went through their stuff and took a vape pen. They expressed their dislike for how he had entered the apartment and with him going through their stuff. They told him not to come back. The acquaintance came back a second time but left when he heard the sirens. When Officer Guiney cleared the call, he thought he would stick around...just a hunch. His hunch was correct. The guy came back a third time and was trying to take the screen off the window when he was detained and arrested for burglary. The male had a backpack on at the time of the arrest and it was searched. He said there was nothing illegal in it. Once he learned the officers found methamphetamines inside, he claimed he had just found the backpack on the hill side and picked it up. Yeah, yeah...whatever. He was booked for Residential Burglary and Possession of Methamphetamines.

### **You never know who is watching**

SOG detectives were on the lookout for a wanted subject and were keeping an eye on his place. Their persistence paid off when two subjects from the residence got into a physical fight outside and the suspect came out to break them up. The detectives moved in, broke up the fight and arrested the wanted guy.

### **Sorry, it's been a slow week...**

An east side resident cried fowl when her garbage cans and the padlock to her chicken coop stolen overnight. Officer Mitch Chapman investigated and, well, there isn't much more to add. Just be on the lookout for a couple of garbage cans and a lock to a chicken coop. Fun fact: Chicken coop offenses are now up 100% in the City of Bremerton this year. [Sergeant Jeff Schaefer]

### **We found your stolen car**

A guy went out to warm up his car early Tuesday morning. He went back into the house to get ready for work and when he went back outside, someone drove off with his car. Officer Tara Munjekovich took the stolen vehicle report but had no suspect information. Fast forward to Tuesday night, Officer Bill Prouse was on random and unpredictable patrol when he came across a two car crash on Warren Avenue at 5th Street. As he pulled up, he caught a glimpse of a dude in a white shirt hot-footing it from the scene up Warren. He soon realized why the driver fled. He had been driving that stolen car from earlier in the day. A K-9 track was conducted without luck. Information on the car thief is still being sought.

### **Rooftop Burglar Needs a Hand**

Around 6:30 AM one morning, officers responded to a report of a burglary in progress in the 700 block of Park Avenue. The suspect was possibly still on scene. As units arrived in the area they learned that the suspect had left a backpack on the roof of the business and a second caller could see the suspect trying to pry open a window on the roof of 811 Park Avenue. The backpack was collected as evidence. When officers located the suspect, he had worked his way into a recessed area in the roof. He could not get out without a ladder. This is called a "position of advantage" for the police. The man was helped out of the hole and arrested. When the suspect was questioned about the backpack, he described what was inside of it (prescription pills with his name on them, his laptop computer, and paper work with his name on it). He just could not explain why it was where it was. The burglar was interviewed by detectives and later booked into the jail. [Corporal Michael Nelson]



### **Convicted Felon/DUI Suspect falls asleep at the wheel with Meth and a Gun in the car**

Officer Davis drove by a car stopped at the intersection of Winfield Avenue and 14th Street. Everyone knows the speed limit in this neighborhood is not 0 MPH so he drove by the car to see what was up. The driver was passed out at the wheel. Officer



Davis suspected the driver was DUI so he conducted a traffic stop and asked for other units. The driver started to drive off when he realized what was going on but it was too late. The suspect was having a hard time following instructions so he was asked to step from the car. When he did, a burnt piece of foil fell from his lap. Some might call that garbage. We call it drug paraphernalia. The driver agreed to do some Field Sobriety Tests which he promptly failed. He was arrested and his car was impounded pending a search warrant. Officer Avery applied narcotic detecting K-9 Remy to the car and got a positive alert. After searching the car, they located methamphetamines and a loaded handgun among the suspect's paper work. Unfortunately for him, he was a convicted felon who is prohibited from having a firearm. He was booked on one count of VUCSA Possession of Methamphetamines, UPOF 2nd and DUI with \$100,000 bail. [Corporal Michael Nelson]

### **Robbery/Kidnapping suspects arrested**

Officers Derek Ejde and Brandon Greenhill located two suspects in a robbery kidnapping case that took place in March. In that case, the suspects tied up a man, took him to an ATM and forced him to withdraw money at gunpoint. On Thursday, the suspects were seen in a car on 13th Street. They ran from the car when police approached. One was apprehended right away while the other jumped a few fences and ran in the direction of his nearby home. When Officer Chris Faidley and K-9 Esco arrived on scene, they started a track. The funny thing was, they tracked right to the suspect's house. Officers knocked on the door and mom answered. She said she had not seen the suspect and claimed he was not inside. Officers began the process of obtaining a search warrant. While waiting, officers used the ole "surround and call out" tactic. The PA announcements eventually drove everyone crazy and the suspect came out of the house. The suspects were transported to the Bremerton Police Department and interviewed by detectives. Afterwards, they were booked into jail. Due to this suspect's actions the High School was notified to lock down initially until we were certain he was not headed onto their campus. [Corporal Michael Nelson]



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